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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, PDIP, VM, US
SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF BRILLIG CREW

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 2238, (B) STATE 016306

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH BRILLIG CREW FOLLOWED DELIVERY OF MAIL TO THEM WHICH CARRIED ON OUTSIDE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARENTS CAUTIONING THEM AGAINST SPEAKING TO THE PRESS BEFORE THEY HAD READ THESE LETTERS. DEBRIEFERS ALSO MADE CLEAR TO THEM AT THE OUTSET THAT THEY WERE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES. DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS, THEY WERE NOT PRESSED RE MARIJUANA ALLEGATION. THEY DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT AND TOUCHED ON IT ONLY TO EXTENT NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN FINE LEVIED ON THEM BY SRV. MATTER WAS REFERRED TO BY THEM ONLY IN THE BROAD SENSE AS "THE MARIJUANA INCIDENT" AND AS PER THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM FOR TRANSPORTING "ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES".

2. ON THE SECOND DAY OF DEBRIEFING THE CREW WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE AP ARTICLE FROM THE JANUARY 16 ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES DESCRIBING THE FILMED INTERVIEW WITH JON ALPERT
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AT WHICH CHARLES AFFEL ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE SMUGGLING MARIJUANA. THEY HAD NOT SEEN IT BEFORE. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE CLEARLY STARTLED THEM AND THE EMBARRASSMENT OF AFFEL WAS EXTREMELY APPARENT, CREW MADE NO COMMENT ON SUBJECT.

3. IN VIEW EQUIVOCAL NATURE OF CREW'S COMMENTS RE MARIJUANA ALLEGATIONS, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO OFFER FIRM JUDGMENT ON

MARIJUANA QUESTION.
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